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SUMMARY: PEKING'S OBSERVANCE OF THE DRVN'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY APPEARS AIMED AT A DUAL PURPOSE; COMPETITION WITH MOSCOW VIS-A-VIS HANOI AND ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION IN VIET-NAM. THE PRC DELEGATION IS HEADED BY A POLITBURO MEMBER, THE GROUP DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER THE LARGELY SOVIET SHOW ON THE OPENING OF HO CHI-MINH'S MAUSOLEUM, AND PRC MEDIA HAVE AVOIDED ANY MENTION OF SOVIET PARTICIPATION. TAKING THEIR CUE FROM THE PRC CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM WHICH PROVIDES STRONG SUPPORT FOR HANOI'S "NEW HISTORICAL
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PERIOD" OF REBUILDING, PRC MEDIA HAVE CONCENTRATED ON

THIS POINT IN THEIR REPORTING THUS FAR. END SUMMARY

1. PEKING APPEARS TO BE GOING ALL OUT IN ITS COMPE-
TITION WITH THE SOVIETS AT THE DRV'S 30TH ANNI-
VERSARY CEREMONIES AND, IN ITS MEDIA, HAS TOTALLY IGNORED
THE MOSCOW DELEGATION'S PRESENCE IN HANOI. THE PRC
DELEGATION IS HEADED BY A FULL POLITBURO MEMBER, CHEN
HSI-LINE, COMPARED TO THE SOVIET DELEGATION'S ALTERNATE
POLITBURO MEMBER. THIS IS CHEN'S SECOND FOREIGN TRIP
THIS YEAR (HE WENT TO NEPAL FOR THE KING'S CORONATION) AND
THE FIRST PRC POLITBURO TRIP ABROAD SINCE TENG HSIAO-PING'S
MAY VISIT TO PARIS. CHEN IS THE HIGHEST-LEVEL CHINESE TO
VISIT HANOI SINCE LI HSIEN-NIEN'S SEPTEMBER 1971 VISIT.
EMPHASIZING THE HIGH LEVEL OF THE DELEGATION, FOUR POLITBURO
MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE PRC'S THREE TOP-RANKING VICE PREMIERS,
TENG HSIAO-PING, CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, AND LI HSIEN-NIEN, HEADED THE
FAREWELL PARTY ON DEPARTURE FROM PEKING. TENG ALSO ATTENDED
THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION IN PEKING SEPT-
EMBER 2 AS THE RANKING GUEST, ALTHOUGH FELLOW POLITBURO
MEMBER WU TEH GAVE THE TOAST. ANOTHER POLITBURO MEMBER, YAO
WEN-YUAN, ATTENDED THE RECEPTION AS DID ALTERNATE POLITBURO
MEMBER WU HUEI-HSIEN AND A HOST OF RANKING PRC OFFICIALS.

2. PERHAPS IN ORDER TO AVOID GIVING PROMINECE TO THE
AUGUST 29 DEDICATION OF THE HO CHI-MINH MAUSOLEUM, WHICH WAS
BUILT WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE AND FOR WHICH THE VIETNAMESE
GAVE THE SOVIETS FULSOME PRAISE, THE PRC DELEGATION TO
HANOI DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AUGUST 30. ALTHOUGH NCNA RE-
PORTED THE DEDICATION AND THE PRESENCE OF PRC AMBASSADOR
TO HANOI, FU HAO, NCNA AVOIDED ANY MENTION OF THE SOVIET
PRESENCE OR CONTRIBUTION. THE PRC DELEGATION DID
LAY A WREATH AT THE MONUMENT ON SEPTEMBER 1.

3. IN THE JOINT MAO-CHU TEH-CHOU TELEGRAM OF CONGRATU-
LATIONS, THE PRC CLAIMED THA THE "VIETNAMESE REVOLUTION
HAS NOW ENTERED A NEW HISTORICAL PERIOD"...." TO REHABILITATE
AND DEVELOP THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND ADVANCE SOCIALIST CON-
STRUCTION". THIS THEME RAN THROUGHOUT OTHER CHINESE COM-
MENTS ON THE ANNIVERSARY, INCLUDING WU TEH'S RECEPTION TOAST.
THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 2 CARRIED SIMILAR
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SENTIMENTS CLAIMING THAT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE "FIGHTING
VIGOROUSLY TO CONSOILIDATE AND DEVELOP THE FRUIT OF VICTORY"
THROUGH A LABOR EMULATION DRIVE, PRODUCTION DEVELOP-
MENT, BUILDING REVOLUTIONARY ADMINISTRATION IN THE SOUTH, ETC.
A SEPARATE AND LENGTHY NCNA ARTICLE SEPTEMBER 1 PRAISED
NORTH VIETNAMESE ECONOMIC CONSTRUCTION AND NCNA AUGUST 31
REPORTED WORK ON THE BA HAC FERTILIZER PLANT WHERE " CHINESE
AND VIETNAMESE WORKERS AND TECHNICIANS" ARE STRIVING

IN A "BEHIVE OF ACTIVITY" TO PROVIDE FOR VIETNAM'S FERTILIZER NEEDS.

4. OF INTEREST IN THE PRC DELEGATION IS THE PRESENCE AS DEPUTY LEADER OF ULANFU, THE INNER MONGOLIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO WAS REHABILITATED IN AUGUST 1973. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS BEEN OUT OF CHINA SINCE OCTOBER 1964. ALSO IN THE DELEGATION IS SHEN PING, THE FORMER PRC AMBASSADOR TO ITALY WHO WAS RECALLED IN JUNE 1974 AFTER THE ANTONIONI FILM BECAME A CAUSE CELEBRE. HE WAS IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.
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